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Inventor: Stanley W. Stone
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Dear Sir:

Please find the following attached for filing in relation to the above-identified application:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (2 pgs.); and
2. Preliminary Amendment (10 pgs.).

Sincerely,

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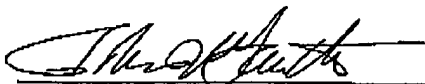
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 5, 2005, a revised Preliminary Amendment, including corrected sections of the amendments to the claims and respective remarks, is attached herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

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